

FROM FIRST CALL TO FRONT-DOOR KEY

The Week-by-Week Build Timeline

The biggest fear about building isn't the cost — it's the unknown. Here is exactly what happens, and roughly when, from the day you reach out to the day someone you love moves in. No mystery, no surprises.

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WHAT TO EXPECT

Every step, in the order it happens.

Most people have never built anything, so “construction” feels like a black box you pour money into and hope. It isn’t. An ADU follows a clear, repeatable sequence, and at KĒĒP one team carries it start to finish — so you always know who to call and what’s next. The timeline below is typical; your exact dates depend on your city’s permitting speed and your lot. You’ll get a real schedule after your feasibility assessment.

THE ONE PROMISE UNDERNEATH THE SCHEDULE

One team, one contract, one point of contact — from the first site visit to the final walkthrough. You never get handed off to a stranger halfway through, and you get a photo-and-written update every Friday.

01 Phase one — Feasibility

Free, fast, and no commitment. This is where you learn what’s possible.

DAY 1

You reach out

A short conversation about your property, your family, and what you’re hoping to build.

48 HRS

Feasibility report delivered

A written assessment of your lot — what fits, where it goes, and a fixed all-in price. No obligation to continue.

WEEK 1

You decide, calmly

Take the report to your family. Ask anything. There’s no pressure and no clock.

02 Phase two — Design & Permits

The longest phase, and the one KĒĒP manages entirely so you don’t have to.

WK 2–4

Design your unit

We refine the layout around how your family actually lives — the aging-in-place details, the entrance, the light. You approve the plans.

WK 4–6

Construction documents

Full engineered drawings prepared for submission to your city.

WK 6–16

City permitting

We submit and manage the entire permit process, including any resubmissions — at no extra cost. This is the step most out of anyone’s control; California has streamlined it, but timelines vary by city.

03 Phase three — Construction

The part you can see. Built by KĒĒP's vetted Southern California crews under our oversight.

WK 1–2

Site prep & foundation

Grading, utility trenching, and the foundation poured and cured.

WK 3–5

Framing & the shell

The structure goes up — walls, roof, windows. Suddenly it's a building. This is the week families love to visit.

WK 5–9

Systems & rough-in

Electrical, plumbing, and HVAC run through the frame, followed by insulation and inspections.

WK 9–14

Interior finishes

Drywall, flooring, kitchen, bath, paint, fixtures. The unit becomes a home.

WK 14–16

Final inspection & walkthrough

The city signs off, we walk it with you top to bottom, and you get the keys.

A REALISTIC OVERALL RANGE

From signed contract to move-in, most KĒĒP ADUs land in the range of six to nine months — with city permitting the biggest variable. You'll have a specific, dated schedule before construction begins, and a Friday update every week of it.

YOUR FREE NEXT STEP

The timeline starts with one 48-hour report. KĒĒP's free feasibility assessment tells you what fits your lot and what it costs, with zero obligation — the honest first step before any of the above. Start at keepadu.com.